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Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of FIFTY-SIX (56) pages
- ☒ TWELVE (12) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-187297 filed in JAPAN on June 27, 2002.
 - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- a. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-187297 filed in JAPAN on June 27, 2002, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
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